

Major General PHILIP SKIPPONS Vindication,

from the false and scandalous aspersions cast upon him by several Printed Books and Pamphlets, concerning the Tryal and Sentencing of his late Majestie.



Whereas mention hath been made in several Printed Books, and Papers heretofore, and of late, that Major General *Philip Skippon* was one of those persons that did actually sit as one of the Judges upon the trial of the late King, with the Counsel and Attendants of that Court, and was in the number of those Judges at his Majesties sentence of death. And whereas more particularly in one book, called *The History of Independency*; and in another late paper entituled, *The Grand Memorandum*. The said Major General *Philip Skippon* is distinguished to be one of those Judges, and to be present at the tryal and sentence aforesaid, by Printing his name in Red Letters in the one, and by an Hand fixed before his name in the other. These are to declare and give notice to all men, that the same in every particular thereof is most false and scandalous, as (if enquired after) will many wayes be made plainly appear: As first by the said Major General *Skippons* earnestly speaking against the same publicly in the Parliament house, when he was named a Commissioner, and then prest that his name might be put out from being in the said Commission: And by his Continual declaring his dislike and dissatisfaction of the same upon all occasions, as several persons of good Repute now still living, can and will upon their oaths (if called thereunto) testify; And also by a Certificate under the hand of *Henry Scobell*, then Clerk of the Parliament, in these words following, viz.

IN a Book Ordered by the Parliament to be kept amongst the Records of the Parliament, read in the House the 11th of December, 1650. and entituled, *A Fournall of the proceedings of the High Court of Justice, erected by Act of the Commons of England: entituled, An Act of the Commons of England Assembled in Parliament, for erecting of an High Court of Justice for the Trying and Judging of Charles Stewart King of England: In which Book are set down the names of the Commissioners appearing every day in Court: Having diligently searched the same, the name of Major General Philip Skippon is not therein mentioned, as being present with the Commissioners at any meeting upon the said Tryal, either publick or private.*

March 30. 1660.

Henry Scobell Clerk of
the Parliament.

